

table drugs. Here, then, is a great field for research; and no doubt future editions of this book by Professor Kraemer will contain much which some may expect to find in the present volume.

Especial attention should be called to the chapters dealing with the problems of pharmacognosy, animal drugs, and to the key and systematic classification of powdered drugs. The volume is illustrated with about 1,000 separate figures, the majority of which are original with the author, and supplement the text.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

JANUARY 26, 1916

The meeting of January 26, 1916, was held in the morphological laboratory of the New York Botanical Garden at 3:30 P.M. Vice-president Barnhart presided. Twenty-nine persons were present.

The minutes of the annual meeting held January 11 were read and approved.

Dr. Levine, chairman of the committee on the amendment of the constitution proposed at the last meeting, reported that the committee was unable to report at this meeting. The subject, however, was discussed informally.

President Harper then took the chair.

The application of Dr. E. W. Olive for a grant of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) from the Esther Herrman Fund to enable him to collect aquatic fungi, insect-attacking fungi, short-cycled and other rusts, as well as lower fungi of Porto Rico, was indorsed.

The resignation of Dr. E. B. Southwick was read. No action was taken at this meeting.

The first number on the announced program was a paper by Dr. N. L. Britton on "Recorded Flora of the Isle of Pines." The speaker gave a brief description of the topography of this island and reviewed the work of various collectors. Attention was called to an apparent similarity between certain species found on the Isle of Pines and on the South American coast.

The second paper, on "The Pan-American Scientific Congress," was read by Dr. W. A. Murrill. The speaker exhibited a collection of the Daily Bulletin issued in English, Spanish and Portuguese, as well as copies of several scientific papers read at the meetings.

Mrs. Britton called attention to a gift of Brazilian orchids that the New York Botanical Garden had received from Dr. Y. de Oliveira Botelho, Brazilian delegate to the Pan American Scientific Congress. This valuable collection of orchids was selected from plants grown in his fine garden at Rio de Janeiro. They number about one hundred specimens and have been placed in one of the propagating houses.

Meeting adjourned.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary.

FEBRUARY 8, 1916

The meeting of February 8 was held at the American Museum of Natural History at 8:15 P.M. Mr. Norman Taylor presided. Fifty-two persons were present.

The minutes of January 26 were read and approved. Mr. James F. Adams, 420 West 121st St., N. Y. City, and Dr. Toyozaburo Tanaka, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., were nominated for membership.

Mr. Stetson reported that the auditing committee had examined the books of the treasurer and found them to be correct.

Dr. M. Levine, chairman of the committee on the constitutional amendment, announced that the committee wished to report in favor of the adoption of the amendment. The report of the committee was accepted.

The treasurer announced the contribution of eighteen dollars and fifty cents (\$18.50) from Professor C. C. Trowbridge for illustrations in the *Bulletin* of the Club.

The resignation of Miss Ellen E. Shaw was read and accepted.

Dr. Tanaka and Mr. Adams were then elected to membership.

The announced scientific program consisted of an illustrated lecture by Prof. W. Mansfield on "Poisonous plants of Eastern United States." The speaker treated the subject under two

divisions: those plants poisonous to animals and those poisonous to man.

Adjournment followed.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary

NEWS ITEMS

A garden of Shakespeare's plants was dedicated in Central Park, New York City, on April 24, with exercises by the Permanent Shakespeare Birthday Committee. Dr. E. B. Southwick, for many years the City Entomologist, who planned the garden, is to have charge of it.

The announcement of the Biological Station of the University of Montana has been issued. The courses, which are held at Yellow Bay, Flathead Lake, Montana, extend from June 19 to August 18, and cover the usual ground. Further information may be had from Morton J. Elrod, Missoula, Montana, whose address after June 15 will be at the summer Biological Station.

On April 22 the cornerstone of the structure which will complete the building and greenhouses of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden was laid with brief ceremonies. A spring inspection of the grounds followed by a tea was held at the New York Botanical Garden on May 4, and at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on May 9. At the latter institution memorial trees were planted by Mr. Alfred T. White and Mr. A. Augustus Healy.

Dr. Edgar W. Olive and Professor H. H. Whetzel have returned from Porto Rico where they have been collecting fungi.